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The sun has been hiding most of the week, but this morning it was out (pronounced "oot") and I was able to get a good shot of Fisgard Lighthouse, as seen from the western tip of the Canadian Naval Base in Esquimalt (pronounced "es-qwee'-malt"), Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada (see map).

I've been staying in Victoria, capital of British Columbia, just a couple of miles from Esquimalt. From my 10th floor hotel room window I can see the Olympic Mountain Range which is directly south, across the Straits of Juan de Fuca. It's cloudy/hazy, but you can see they rise way above the straits. Some of the peaks are between 6000-7000 feet (only about half the height of Mt. Rainier), with the closest of the tall peaks some 30+ miles away.

Victoria is a very pleasant city, but I'm told it's loaded with tourists (pronounced "tourists") during the summer months. The temps are mild all year like nearby Seattle, but Victoria only gets about (pronounced "a-boot") half the rain annually.

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